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## **Army Corps of Engineers extends park leasing moratorium at Grapevine Lake**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced today that it will extend a park leasing moratorium at Grapevine Lake through Dec. 15, 2000.

The leasing moratorium, originally scheduled to last 180 days, became effective on April 1, 2000 when the Corps established a collaborative planning team with cities and other stakeholders around Grapevine Lake to prepare a supplement to the lake's 29-year-old master plan. The Corps wanted to complete the master planning process before considering any new proposals to lease federal park areas around the lake. The main objectives of the master planning effort are to designate Environmentally Sensitive Areas on federal land, adopt updated natural resources management objectives, change land use classifications to reflect historical and current recreational use, and establish utility corridors to reduce environmental damage from future utility proposals.

The extension of the moratorium through Dec. 15, 2000 is necessary to allow time for the planning team to review the final draft master plan supplement. Based on interviews with cities that have an interest in leasing federal park land, the extension of the moratorium should not create hardship on the cities. When the review is complete, hopefully by December 15, the leasing moratorium will expire. The Corps will then prepare an environmental assessment of the draft master plan supplement and will circulate the assessment for a 30-day public comment period. Plans call for the environmental assessment process to be completed in the March-April timeframe of 2001.